

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report of the Director of Public Health

**RE-PROCUREMENT OF THE DERBYSHIRE INTEGRATED SEXUAL
HEALTH SERVICE
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee of the Progress and findings of the Review of Derbyshire Sexual Health Services and the re-procurement of the new Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS)

2 Information and Background

As part of the decision to review and re-procure services across Public Health, a comprehensive review of current sexual health services has been undertaken. The Review has addressed current services alongside wide-ranging consultation with service users, the general public, providers and commissioners of sexual health services. The Review takes into account national guidance and policy relating to sexual health service provision. The Review's aim was to provide information to support the development of a new integrated model of sexual health service for Derbyshire, working towards a service in April 2015, based on a 15% reduction on the current budget.

2.1 Progress of the Sexual Health services review

The Review has been developed through two stages beginning November 2013, culminating the end of May 2014.

Stage 1 focussed on current provision utilising multiple modes of consultation including online questionnaire, focus groups and meetings, peer benchmarking alongside "desktop" analysis of policy and health need pertinent to Derbyshire. The detail of findings can be accessed in the Report of findings presented to Cabinet as follows:

- March 25th 2014: approval granted to the findings of Stage 1 of the Review and commencement to final review stage and development of the service model

2.2 Summary of key findings

Derbyshire overall has a level of good sexual health, although it reflects national trends of inequality such as STI diagnoses being disproportionately higher amongst certain groups - gay and bisexual men and men who have sex with men (MSM); young people and vulnerable young people; people living with HIV.

c. Ref. 2: *Derby and Derbyshire Sexual Health Needs Assessment, 2013*

Current sexual health services: across Derbyshire are contracted separately across a range of providers and this has a risk of silo working across elements of service that need to work more closely to meet the needs of patients. An integrated approach would drive a shared delivery and maximise opportunities across providers including voluntary sector and primary care providers. Separate contractual arrangements also pose risks of inefficiency

Service user and general public commented:

- Priorities for a good quality sexual health services:
- visibility and accessibility of services
- location in the community e.g. GPs, pharmacies
- Welcoming environments and staff that are friendly and non-judgemental
- Prevention and emotional support
- Qualified and well trained multi skilled staff
- Seamless care pathways across elements

People representative of high risk populations (incl. LGBT, vulnerable young people, people with learning disabilities, MSM) prioritised:

- Increased knowledge and understanding
- Empowerment of individuals to be comfortable and safe
- Improved service visibility and accessibility
- Reduced the stigma associated with using sexual health services

Current providers highlighted the following:

- An integrated model based on tariff at the right level – payment for actual activity
- Accessible, visible – agreed with hub and spoke model
- Central booking number, online, triage system

- Robust infrastructure – workforce development with wider skill-mix across staff
- Empowerment of people
- Communication, partnership and pathways to overcome fragmentation across the whole system of sexual health provision

Consultation with commissioners of sexual health services external to local authority responsibility highlighted the need to ensure seamless pathway mechanisms between all services and across the whole system supporting sexual health.

Findings concluded a service to develop in accordance with an integrated approach.

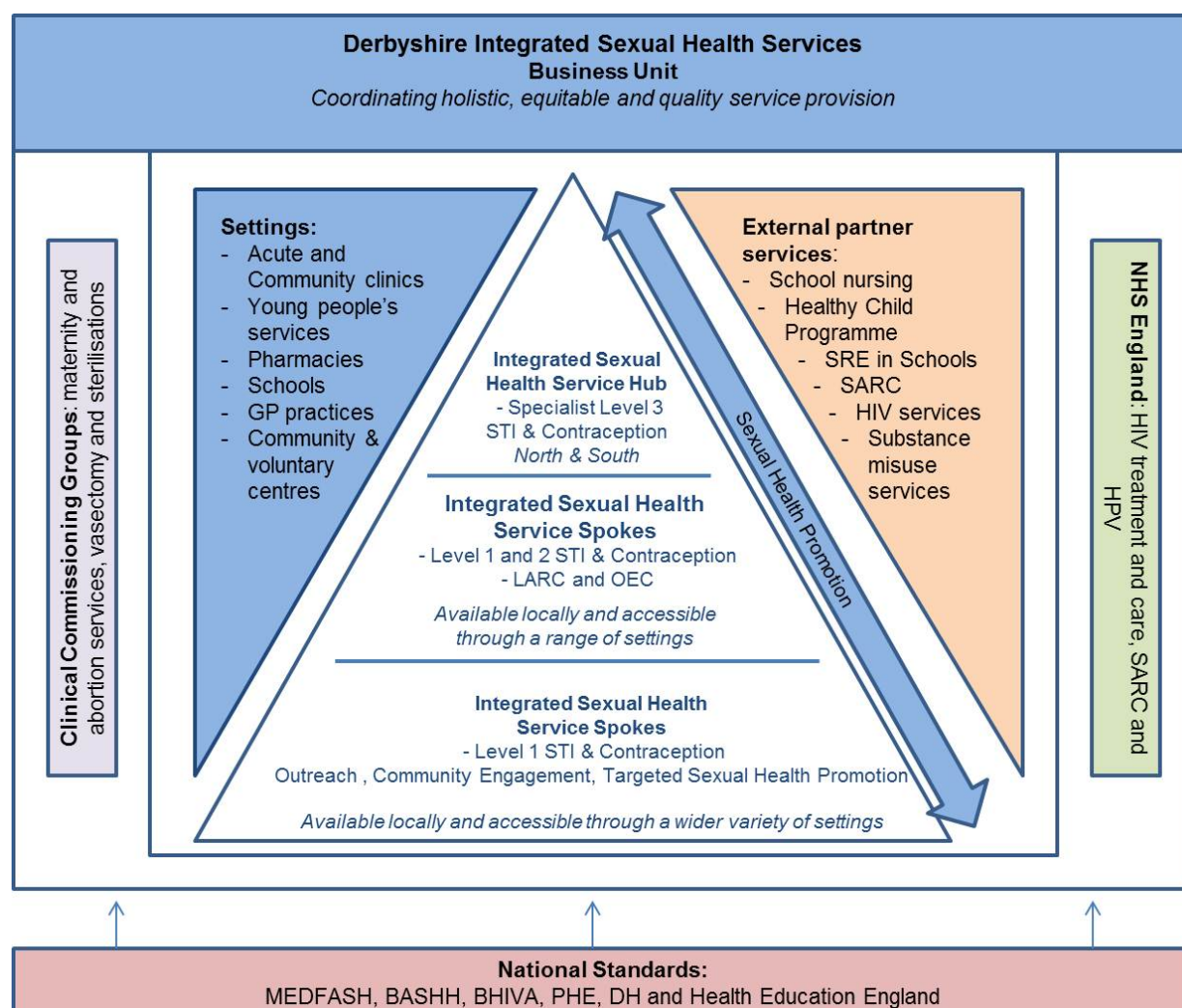
3. Development of the new integrated model towards re-procurement

Building on from the stage 1 findings, a new integrated model – the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) has developed through the stage 2 part of the Review, with further consultation and including a market stakeholder event for provider organisations of sexual health services. The proposed model is:

- An Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) delivering good quality, open access, confidential and cost effective services based on evidence and delivering through a hub and spoke model across Derbyshire
- An ISHS responsible for the management and delivery of:
 - Level 1 – 3 STI Testing and Treatment
 - Level 1 – 3 Contraception
 - Including LARC and OEC
 - Psychosexual Counselling
 - Targeted Sexual Health Promotion & HIV Prevention
 - Condom distribution
- An ISHS commissioned through a “lead provider” approach, whereby the commissioner manages one contract with one lead provider organisation in a “Primary Contractor” role, accountable and having full oversight for the whole ISHS system
- An ISHS that works whereby the Primary Contractor manages

Contractual arrangements across multiple provider organisations including general practice, pharmacy and voluntary sector to deliver elements of the service

Diagram: Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service



3.1 Key Outcomes:

The ISHS shall aim to improve the sexual health in the local population through achieving the following key outcomes:

- Reduce inequalities in the sexual health of vulnerable groups
- Improve access to integrated sexual health services
- Reduce the rates of STIs and the prevalence of undiagnosed and late diagnosis of HIV.
- Reduce the rates of teenage conception, unplanned pregnancy and repeat terminations
- Increase the percentage of Derbyshire residents electing to attend the sexual health services within Derbyshire rather than out of area.

- 3.2 The final report is currently being prepared for Cabinet along with the Equality Impact Analysis Report, on June 17th to request approval and permission to go out to the market to re-procure the new service.

4. **Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, human relations, legal and human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, transport, property and transport considerations.

5. **Background Papers**

Ref 1: Report of the findings of the Review of Derbyshire Sexual Health Services

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/meetings_decisions/meetings/cabinet/default.asp

Ref 2: Derby and Derbyshire Sexual Health Needs Assessment 2013

http://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk/IAS/Custom/resources/HealthandWellbeing/Health_Needs_Assessments/SHNA_public_document.pdf#view=Fit

6. **Officer Recommendations**

That the Committee receives and notes the proposed re-procurement of a Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service.

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